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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.2 and 1.133, and in response to the Interview Summary dated September 29, 2006, Applicant provides this Statement.

1. A telephonic interview was held on September 22, 2006 at 2:00pm between Examiner Peter Coughlan and the Applicant Shailen Banker and his attorney David Mello.

2. The agenda for the interview was:

- 1) Claim 42.
 - a. 101, rejection
 - b. 112, 2nd para., Indefinite

c. 102 rejection and Kavanagh.

3. Applicant submitted an informal draft Response to the Office Action of April 3, 2006 that outlined potential claim amendments and remarks in response thereto. The informal draft Response addressed all of the pending claims 42-82 and included draft amendments to claims 42-44, 46, 50-55, 57, 58, 60, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, and 72-82.

4. With respect to the rejections to claims 42-82 under 35 U.S.C. 101, the Applicant and his attorney explained the invention, with particular reference to amended claim 42, and how it produced a useful and tangible result. Specifically, generation of an index and the scoring of media content, as claimed, was explained with reference to specific portions of the Detailed Description.

5. With respect to the rejections to claims 43, 44, 55, 60, 77, and 82 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd para., the Applicant and his attorney explained how specific phrases giving rise to the rejections under this section of the Patent Statute were removed, as reflected in the draft amendments of the appropriate claims in the informal draft Response.

6. With respect to the rejections to claims 42, 45-51, 58, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70-76, and 78 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), the Applicant and his attorney explained, with particular reference to claim 42, how the media scoring and indexing of the claimed invention was vastly different from the object oriented parts searching and database of Kavanagh.

7. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the phrases "index generation module" and "combined scoring module" in the proposed draft amendments to claim 42 could entitle the Examiner to bring in new art and write a final rejection. "Index generation module" was used in the original claim 42, but "combined scoring module" was not. It was also indicated that use of the phrase "module" was not preferred by the Examiner in the present application. Thus, Applicant indicated that it would consider removing, for example, in amended claim 42, the phrase "combined scoring module." Additionally, the Applicant also indicated that it would consider changing the phrases "scoring module" and an "index generation module," to "scorer" and an "index generator."

8. The Examiner did not indicate whether the amendments and remarks of the informal draft Response would overcome each and every rejection. It was apparent, however, that the interview was useful in clarifying for the Examiner the invention as claimed and was particularly useful for the Applicant to gain a better understanding of the Examiner's views on several issues relating to the rejections.

9. A formal Response, consistent with the interview discussion, was timely submitted.

10. Once again, the Applicant would like to thank Examiner Coughlan for his time and efforts related to the interview. It was most helpful.

11. No fees are believed due in relation to the submission of this Statement. However, in the event that fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 501798 for all fees due with this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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